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## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND

CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Del D. Borgsdorf

SUBJECT: GETTING FAMILIES BACK TO

DATE: December 10, 2003

WORK—SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

## REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

The purpose of this supplemental memo is to provide Council with additional information regarding the status of high-speed and wireless capabilities in the City.

## **INFORMATION**

Department of Public Works is currently negotiating with a provider that has approached the City to provide wireless facilities to serve residential neighborhoods. Based upon these negotiations, the provider has given the City a letter of intent to pay fees for the use of City facilities, namely streetlights where their repeater hardware is mounted.

In response to the Mayor's Budget Message, the Office of Economic Development and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency are working through the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to negotiate an agreement with a local company that will provide Wi-Fi services on a pro-bono basis in outdoor spaces downtown for a one-year demonstration period. Coverage areas will include Plaza de Cesar Chavez, San Pedro Square, the Paseo de San Antonio and the Rep Theatre. This launch is planned to occur in the first quarter of 2004.

Both of the proposed agreements would be for non-exclusive coverage. Staff will continue to analyze and develop a long-term strategy for wireless services and infrastructure, so these initial contracts for these services would include termination clauses should these projects end up precluding other options that may be preferred upon completion of a comprehensive long-term strategy. Once a long-term wireless strategy is developed, a Request for Proposals process may possibly be used to maximize competition and City benefit if any sort of exclusive contractual arrangement is sought.

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